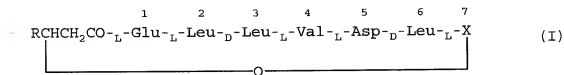


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A ~~cleansing~~ cosmetic composition, ~~consisting of~~ comprising 0.1 to 5 mass% of a lipopeptide compound; and 0.1 to 20 mass% of a polyoxyethylene glyceryl ether fatty acid ester in a cleansing cosmetic composition, and ~~optionally at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, natural waxes, fatty acids, higher alcohols, alkylglyceryl ethers, esters, silicone oils, polyhydric alcohols, saccharides, polymers, alcohols, anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, ampholytic surfactants, natural surfactants, ultraviolet ray absorbers, powders, color materials, plant extracts, amino acids, peptides, vitamins, factors acting like vitamins, antiseptic agents, antioxidizing agents, chelating agents, moisturizing agents, anti-inflammatory agents, pH adjusting agents, salts, α -hydroxy acids, whitening agents, essential oils, terpenes, fragrance and water.~~
2. (original): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lipopeptide compound is derived from a microorganism.
3. (original): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lipopeptide compound is a surfactin represented by the following formula (I), an analogous compound or a salt thereof:



wherein X represents an amino acid residue selected from the group consisting of leucine, isoleucine, valine, glycine, serine, alanine, threonine, asparagine, glutamine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, lysine, arginine, cysteine, methionine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, histidine, proline, 4-hydroxyproline and homoserine, and R is a normalalkyl group having 8 to 14 carbon atoms, an isoalkyl group having 8 to 14 carbon atoms or an anteiso-alkyl group having 8 to 14 carbon atoms.

4. (original): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lipopeptide compound is sodium surfactin.

5. (original): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lipopeptide compound is a compound where the second, fourth and sixth amino acids in the formula (I) are each independently substituted by amino acid selected from a group consisting of leucine, isoleucine, valine, glycine, serine, alanine, threonine, asparagine, glutamine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, lysine, arginine, cysteine, methionine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, histidine, proline, 4-hydroxyproline and homoserine.

6. (previously presented): A cleansing cosmetic using the cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1.

7. (original): The cleansing cosmetic as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cosmetic is in gel form or cream form.

8. (previously presented): A cleansing cosmetic using the cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 2.

9. (previously presented): The cleansing cosmetic as claimed in claim 8, wherein the cosmetic is in gel form or cream form.

10. (previously presented): A cleansing cosmetic using the cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 3.

11. (previously presented): The cleansing cosmetic as claimed in claim 10, wherein the cosmetic is in gel form or cream form.

12. (previously presented): A cleansing cosmetic using the cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 4.

13. (previously presented): The cleansing cosmetic as claimed in claim 12, wherein the cosmetic is in gel form or cream form.

14. (previously presented): A cleansing cosmetic using the cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 5.

15. (previously presented): The cleansing cosmetic as claimed in claim 14, wherein the cosmetic is in gel form or cream form.